

Michael Sweeney active in church



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Michael Sweeney, grandson of Mrs. Georgia Sweeney, 267 West Walnut Street, Marietta, has been actively involved for four months with preparations for Deliverance Temple's summer conference held in Shippensburg from June 20 to 23rd. The preparations included painting, cooking, art work, sewing, etc., to make other missionaries attending the annual event comfortable during their stay.

Persons attending came from Africa, Canada, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Haiti, and various areas of the United States. The theme of the conference was "Building Bridges."

Michael is a Shippensburg State College sophomore majoring in elementary education with an environmental sequence. He is staying in Shippensburg for his summer vacation to assist with work projects at the church and for intensive Bible training. The Deliverance Temple is more than just a church according to Rev. Elvina Miller, its pastor.

"The church is a type of rehabilitation center for the college-age young people" remarked Rev. Miller. "Some come into the church right off the streets from a life of drugs and turmoil and find themselves converted to Christian living." Both spiritual and practical training are received at the Temple.

Mike was confirmed on June 22, after a course of 32 weeks on "Understanding God." He also assisted as pianist for the conference. He is a member of the Five Smooth Stones International Bews Gathering Network, which combs newspapers, magazines, radio, and other news medias seeking information for the church-sponsored "Five Smooth Stones", broadcast aired over WSHP in Shippensburg and WVFC in McConnellsburg.



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Auxilliary gives \$800 to hospital

Mrs. Joseph Gilmartin, president of the Marietta Auxilliary to the Columbia Hospital, presented a check for \$800 to the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Columbia Hospital, J. Edward Charles. The greater portion of the contribution to the building fund was earned at the recent benefit "Sounds and Spirits of '76."

At its recent meeting at

the home of Mrs. Don Leonard, Maytown, led by Mrs. Joe Carroll, vice-president, fall benefits were discussed.

Mrs. George Houseal, Mrs. William Heisey, Mrs. Charles Margraff, and Mrs. Ralph Miller will arrange a card party to be held at the Marietta Community House.

Mrs. Robert Carroll will compile the list of host-

esses for the coming year.

The September meeting will be held at Lacy's Lounge on the 13th to celebrate the 75th birthday celebration of the Auxilliary.

Plans were also formulated to sponsor the annual Christmas Tea at the home of the secretary, Mrs. Ralph Miller.

The chaplain, Mrs. William Heisey, read "Hello, Restrain Thy Tongue."

New home for historic church bell

Workmen have constructed a tower for a bell which was removed from the former structure of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 62 West Walnut Street, Marietta. The new shelter is on the lawn of the current house of worship on Route 441 and Colebrook Road.

The structure is a memorial to the late John R. Shireman. The masonry house is reinforced with a steel frame which supports the bell. The roof has not yet been erected.

The bell was officially rung for the first time on Sunday, July 4th. An excerpt from church records gives this account of the bell: "January 1883 a committee was appointed to obtain estimates on the cost of building a tower on the church. Two plans were submitted; One for a tower to be built on the corner and the other for the tower to be constructed on the top of the church. The latter was selected. It was decided that if every member contributed one dollar per month the church would have no financial difficulties. On July 23, the congregation voted thanks to Pastor Mueller, who donated the lumber for the belfry; to John Eppel, Peter Olphen, Jack Menge for hauling same and to John Prosher for painting. A schedule for bell ringing

was then set-up by the pastor."

The bell was used every Sunday and many week days until 1970 when the new Zion Lutheran Church was completed.

Inscriptions on the bell state:

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